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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: J. Fredman  
NOBUKO YAMAMOTO ET AL. )  
: Group Art Unit: 1637  
Application No.: 09/942,596 )  
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Filed: August 31, 2001 )  
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For: METHOD FOR ANALYZING )  
BASE SEQUENCE OF )  
NUCLEIC ACID ) September 3, 2002

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 7 and 8 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is to cancel claims 7 and 8 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration of remaining claims 1-6 and expedient passage to issue of the present case.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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